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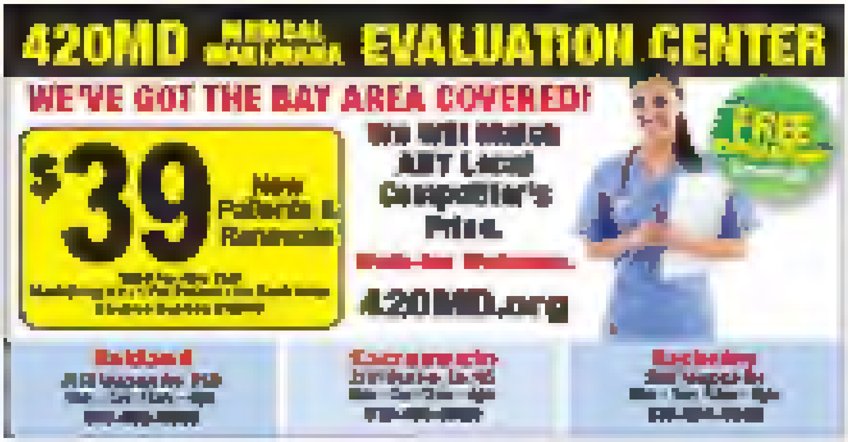
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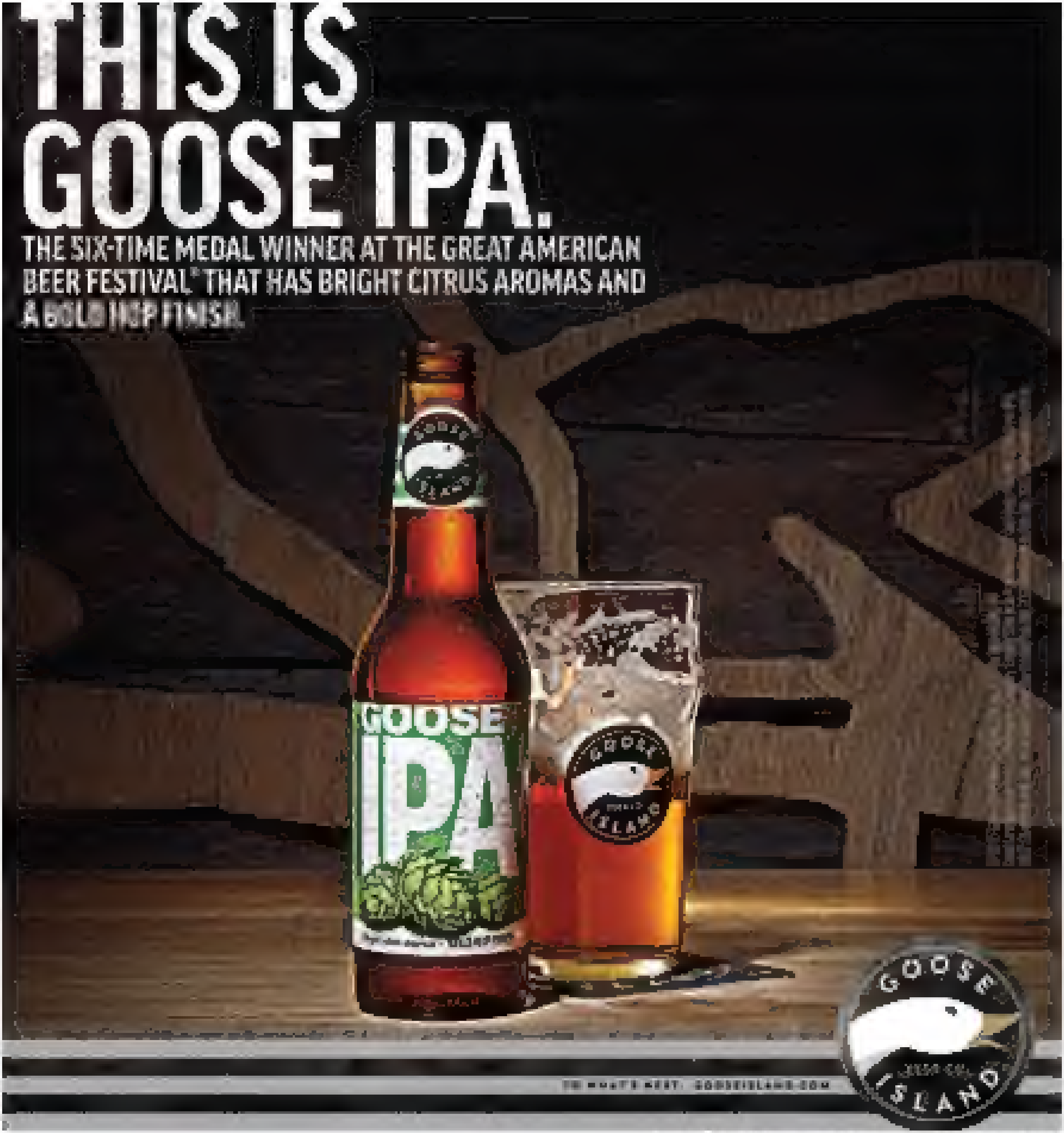
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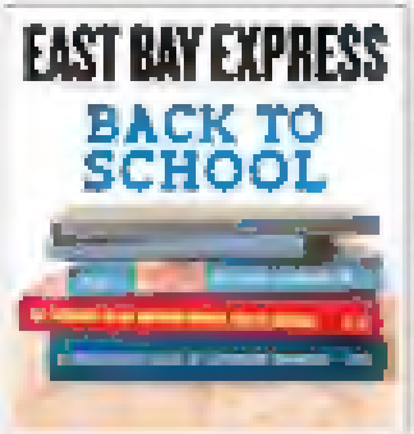
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NEWS&OPINION



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Tagami and Company Should Know Better

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OPINION

Build It Green

Oakland's Army base redevelopment should support the community, not greedy men looking to make a profit.

By Jess Dervin-Ackerman

"Low price is best," wrote Jeffrey Holt in an email to concerned … in four Utah counties. "Controlled messaging is critical." Tagami … for a moment that Holt, an investment banker, might have an ulterior motive in … money on a multibillion-dollar deal to transport coal from Utah to Asia via Oakland. The *Express* recently published an extraordinarily researched article ("Banking on Coal in Oakland," 8/19) that detailed the backroom negotiations behind the coal shipment plan and the two men leading them: Phil Tagami, a developer in Oakland, and Holt, who also happens to be Utah's state transportation commissioner.

After wading through emails, contracts, and reports, the *Express*' Darwin BondGraham detailed how the backroom policy of "low price is best" began to unravel on April 6. That was the day that Holt wrote the email to express dismay about being … after a Utah newspaper report had described a $53 million loan to four Utah counties to build railroads to transport coal from Utah to Oakland. The key to Oakland's … to the operation of … of the mines, the … mine. That the loan is contingent on securing the Oakland terminal for coal. As BondGraham concluded, "… shipping coal through Oakland likely will lead to a massive expansion of coal mining in Utah that might not otherwise occur."

Hence, the secrecy … by Holt. But it's not just Holt who has a financial interest in secrecy. The *Express* reported that in those emails, "Holt also wrote that Tagami was 'disappointed' that the plan to export coal had been made public. 'Phil Tagami had been pleased at the low profile that was bumping along to date on the terminal and it looked for a few days like it would just roll into production with no serious discussion.'"

In other words, Oakland's Tagami and Utah's Holt … to … deals behind a shroud of opacity to make sure coal would find its way through Oakland. And it almost worked.

Unfortunately for Tagami, Holt, and their industry and financial allies, a serious … on the environmental and health impacts of … in the vicinity of the … and exporting of coal is now happening. We were told that coal would not be part of this deal, and we are determined to keep it that way. The good … should not … this project, which should bring good jobs and economic growth to Oakland — without endangering environmental and public health.

Jess Dervin-Ackerman is conservation manager of the Sierra Club Bay Chapter.

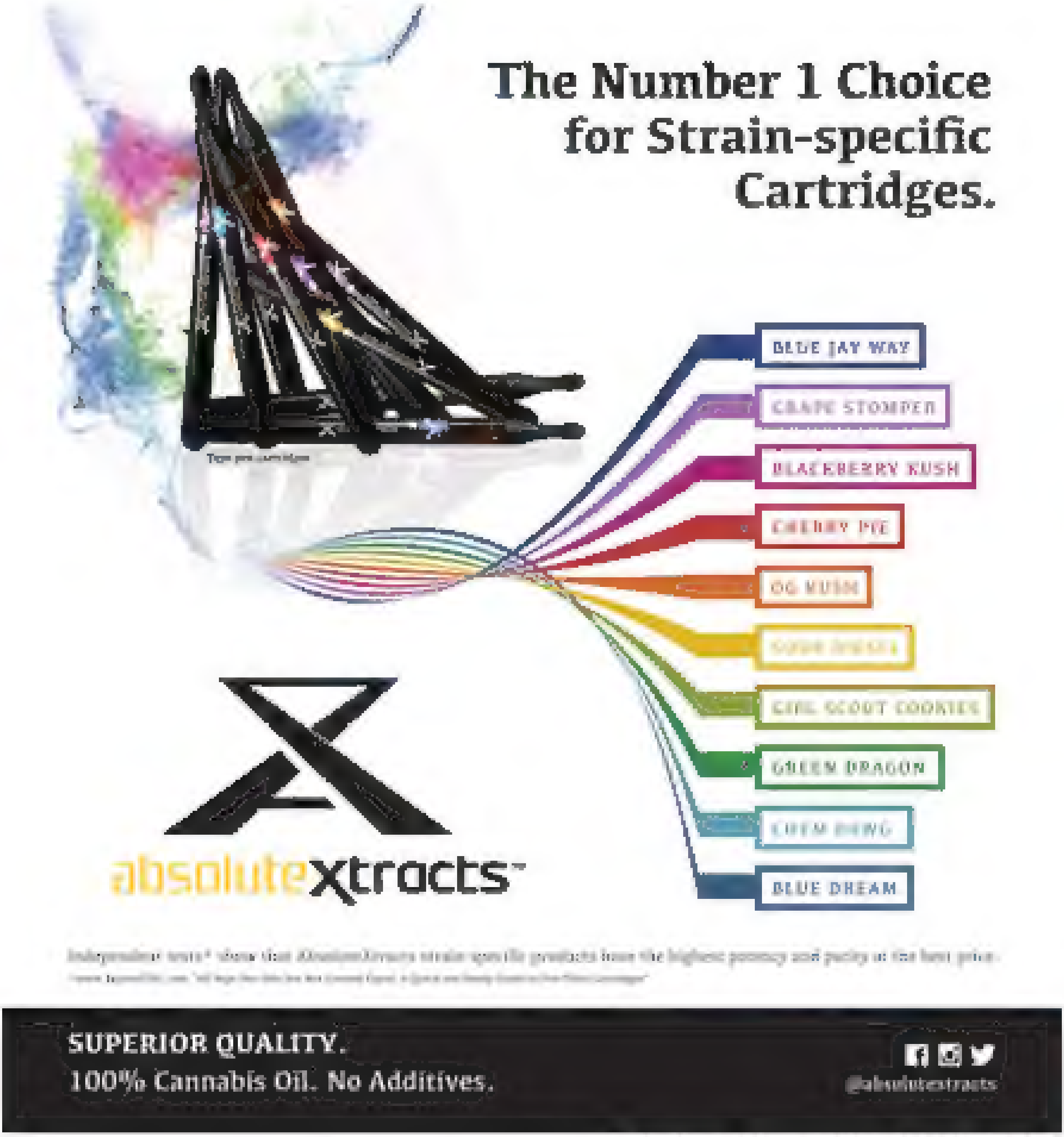
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California's Missing Climate Hawk

Governor Jerry Brown fashions himself as a global leader on climate change, but he's gone missing on action now that his plan for reducing greenhouse gases is under attack.

By Robert Gammon

Evidence Mounts Against Roundup

Scientists report worrisome changes to liver and kidney genes in rats, adding to evidence that a popular herbicide is toxic to humans.

By Brian Bienkowski of Environmental Health News

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Building Downtown Oakland for Cars

The city is planning to build two giant parking garages in downtown — instead of prioritizing affordable housing and green modes of transit.

By Sam Levin

In 2012, the Oakland City Council adopted its so-called Energy and Climate Action Plan — the city's detailed blueprint for achieving a 36 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2020. As part of that plan, the city established a goal of decreasing car miles driven by residents, workers, and visitors by 20 percent each year. The city, according to the blueprint, would discourage driving by making it easier for people to walk, bike, and use mass transit and by supporting dense development near public transportation so that more residents can live without cars.

But while Oakland has made strides with some of those objectives, a new proposal for a mixed-use Uptown project next to BART sheds light on the ways in which the city's planning process is still stuck in the 20th century and has not fully embraced the Energy and Climate Action Plan, transportation advocates say. The proposed mixed-use project, known as the Fox Courts Residences, calls for the construction of a new, city-run public parking structure and an apartment building with a giant garage that will accommodate car storage in every unit, even though it's located at 19th Street and San Pablo Avenue, just two blocks away from the 19th Street BART station.

With the large new public garage and the accompanying parking structure for residents, the 1800 San Pablo Avenue plan would encourage visitors to drive to the area and incentivize all tenants in the building to own cars — despite the fact that the project is located in one of the most transit-accessible neighborhoods in the Bay Area. Activists said they were especially frustrated with the project's car-culture features given that it's located on a city-owned site on which officials should be prioritizing forward-thinking projects — instead of wasting valuable land on space for car storage.

"I would highly question whether it's a good use of public resources to subsidize parking," said Liz Brisson, a transportation planner who lives a few blocks away from the project and is co-founder of the advocacy group Transport Oakland. "Is this [garage] the thing that is going to benefit the most people?"

The large project, which has just begun the lengthy planning and review process and has yet to go before the Oakland Planning Commission, is a proposal of Bosheldi Development, designed by architecture firm JRDV Urban International. According to Bosheldi's Sid Afshar, the project is targeted to include 204 residential units (a mix of one-bedrooms and two-bedrooms), a residential parking garage with 204 spaces (one per unit), and 13,700 square feet of retail space. The project — located on a vacant site currently used as a surface parking lot — would also feature a separate 529-space public parking garage that the city would own and operate. Afshar said he intends to make 10 to 15 percent of the units affordable housing with the rest market-rate apartments.

In interviews, Afshar and city officials said the large amount of parking in the project was necessary to accommodate drivers who want to live in and visit Uptown. But transportation activists and experts argue that the number of parking spaces is excessive for a downtown urban center and that the financial resources and land that the project intends to use for parking should instead be used for community benefits or to make housing more affordable. Critics also argued that if Oakland wants to promote alternative modes of transit, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and adhere to its climate change blueprint, city officials need to deliberately limit the supply of parking in areas where driving is no longer necessary.



1800 San Pablo developer Sid Afshar says Uptown residents need more parking. BERT JOHNSON

In recent years, East Bay transportation advocates have argued that cities' outdated, car-oriented zoning policies have forced developers to construct unnecessarily large garages in new apartment buildings. Because it's so expensive to build these parking spots — by some estimates, it costs roughly $50,000 to construct a single space in a structured garage — developers end up passing the costs along to tenants, and, as a result, build less affordable housing (see "A Green Solution to Oakland's Housing Crisis," 8/13).

Oakland's current zoning rules require developers in most neighborhoods to build at least one parking space per unit in new apartment buildings. Developers can construct less parking only when they seek a formal exemption and make a case for why a smaller garage is feasible. As a result, developers tend to build more parking than needed, which is evidenced by high vacancy rates in the parking garages of Oakland buildings, according to research conducted by the Oakland-based advocacy group TransForm.

The 1800 San Pablo proposal to build 204 parking spaces for 204 units — the standard one-to-one ratio in Oakland — is inappropriate for a downtown project adjacent to BART, according to TransForm. That group runs a program called GreenTRIP, which encourages developers to build less parking and instead invest in more affordable housing or amenities that promote alternative transportation, such as free car-share memberships and transit passes for tenants. "For most people, the reason they want to live in Uptown is because they don't own a car," said Joanna Long, GreenTRIP planner with TransForm. "They are thinking, 'I can take BART to San Francisco for work. I can walk to restaurants and bars.' You want to encourage pedestrian activity and biking. But when you build parking, you induce driving."

TransForm recommends that buildings in downtown corridors construct no more than 0.5 parking spaces per unit. Based on rough estimates of parking construction costs for the Fox Courts Residences, a residential garage half the size of the proposed one could allow the developer to spend at least $5 million less on parking. The project

Think indie



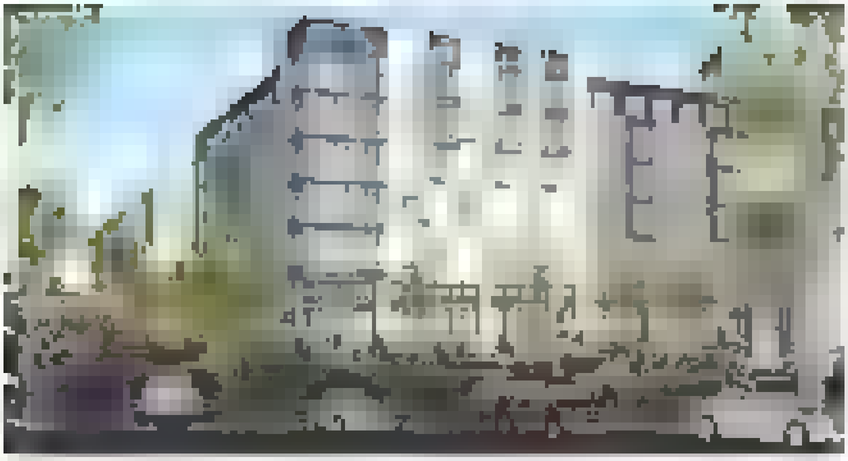


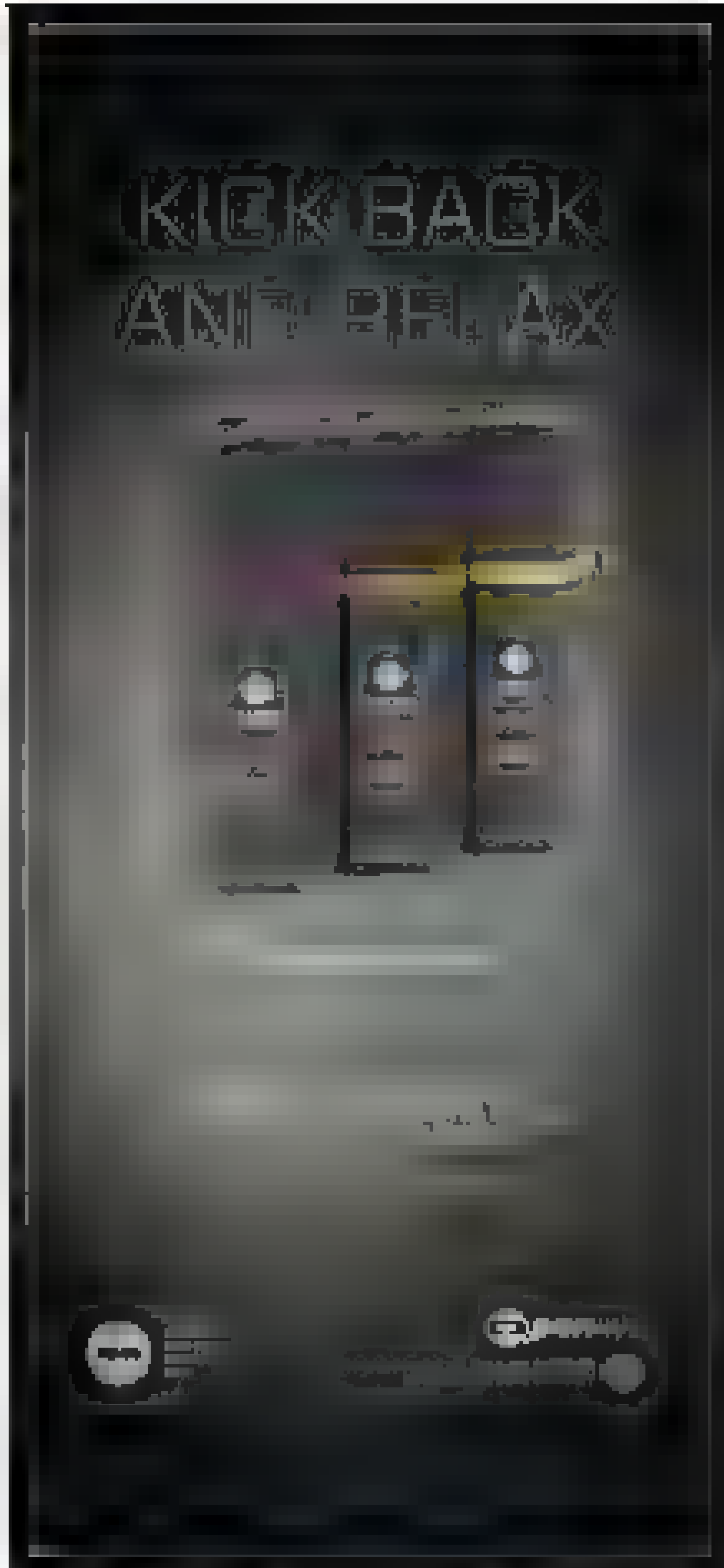


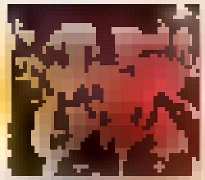


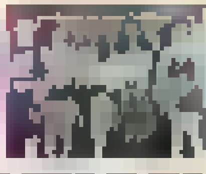


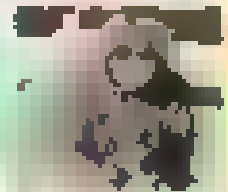


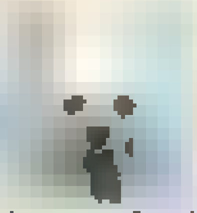


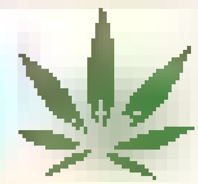
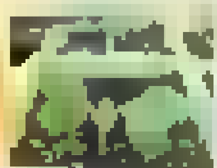

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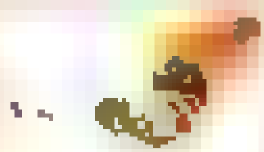












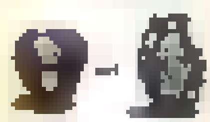
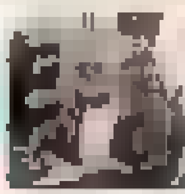










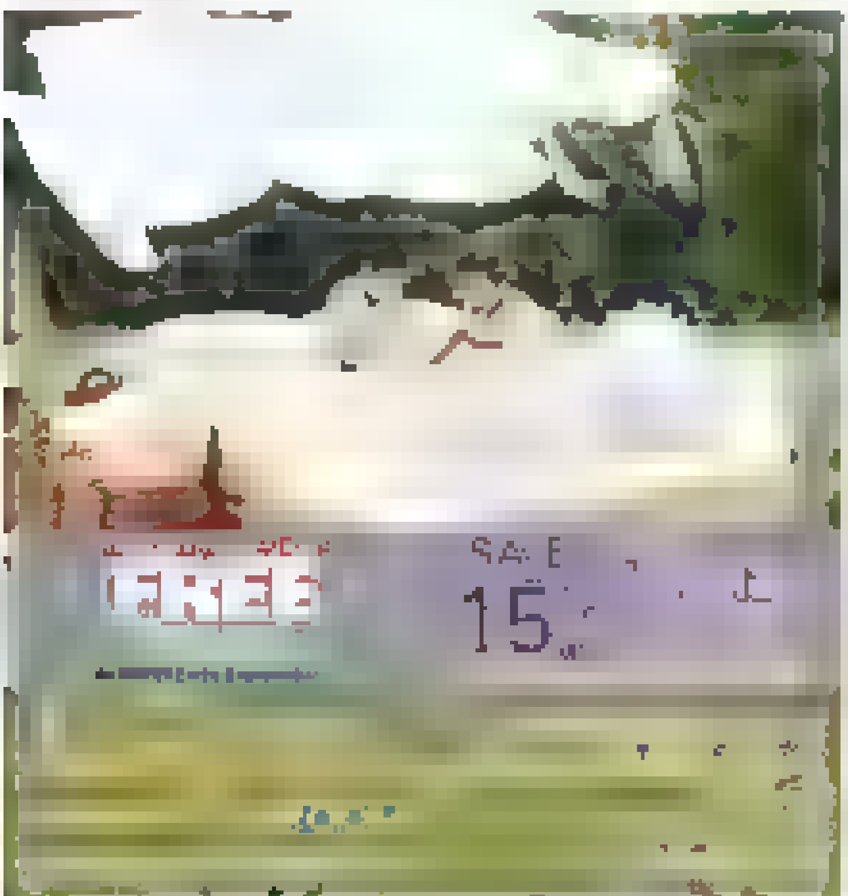





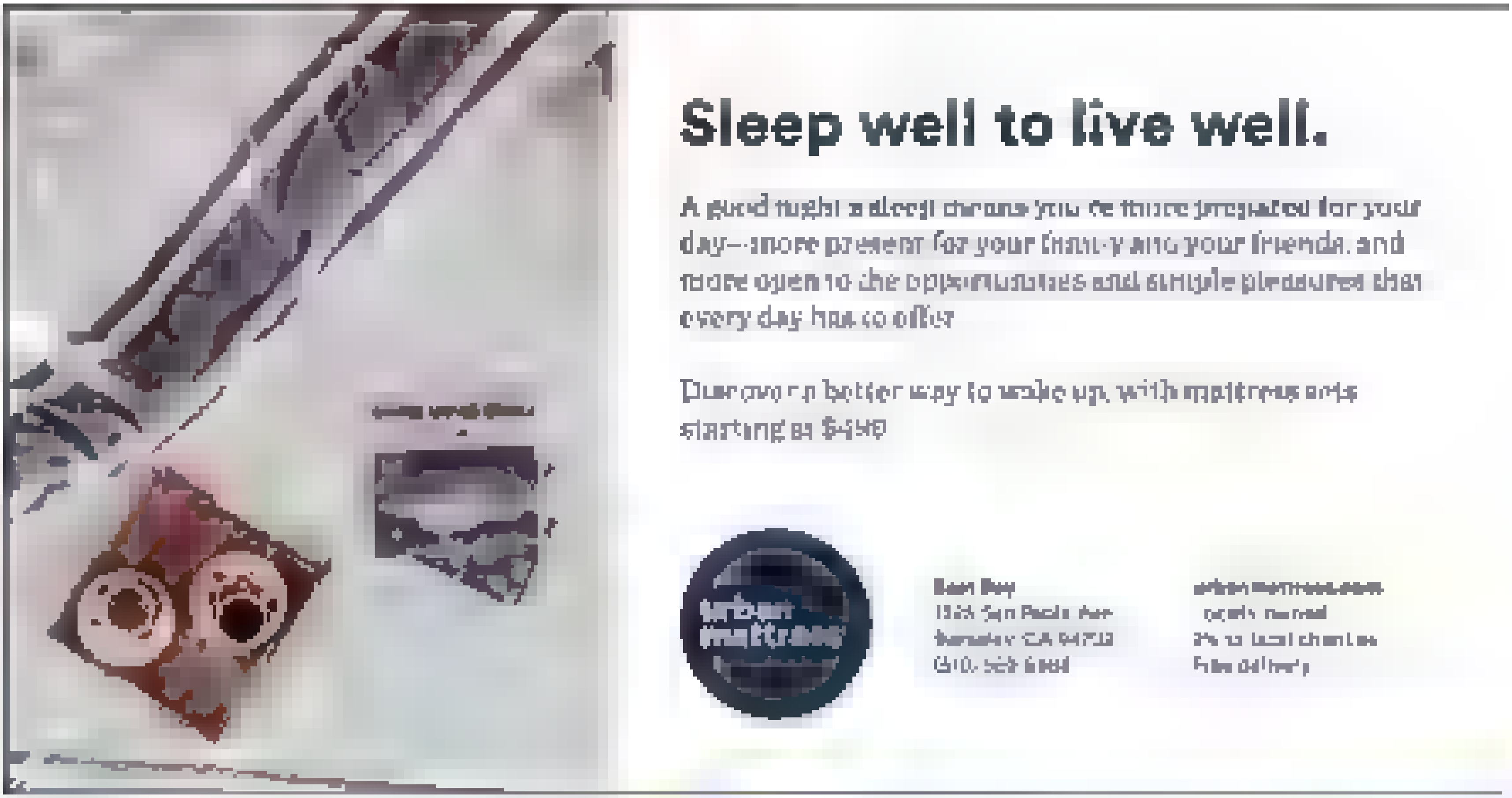



Pot, Politics, and Scandal In San Leandro

By Steven Tavares






Sleep well to live well.
urban mattress


Happy Hound


rare bird


REVELATION IN FIT
EVERYONE
DESERVES
A BRA THAT
FITS



MORE THAN JUST A DAY AT THE BEACH

The rebellious spirit of Matthew Maguire's first Labor Day is spreading again across our country. Join the parade!

By Jim Hightower

The Real History

Meanwhile in 2015 ...





Corporate greed has knocked down, held down, and stomped on so many worka-day people that wage earners are realizing anew that their only hope is to organize.









The H-1B and H-2 People





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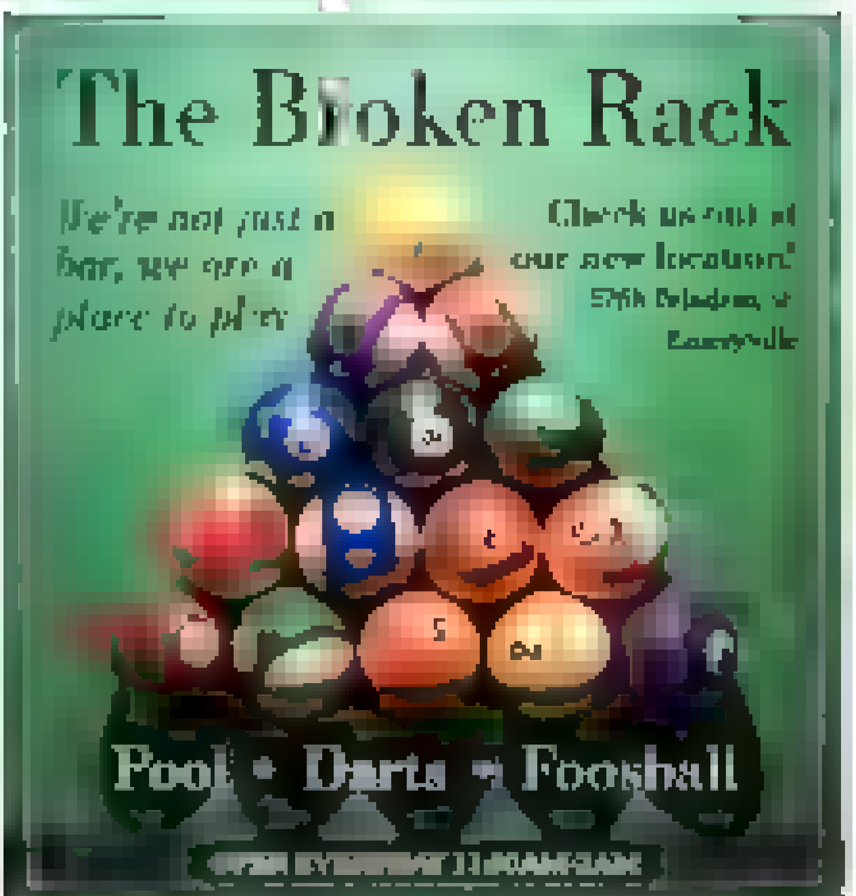
Do Something!

Roving Light



Event Details





Preceding Pride, a Week of Queer Art

In the days leading up to Oakland Pride, the Revolve Festival will honor the creative power of Oakland's queer and trans community.



Event Details

First Friday

ART OPENINGS & EVENTS

See the Art Gallery listings in the Express for more information on East Bay art showings

Spend an evening supporting local arts!

ALAMEDA

Frank Bette Center

ALBANY

Gathering Tribes

BERKELEY

Berkeley Potters Guild

Berkeley Screenprint Co.

Kala Gallery

OAKLAND

The 1300 Jefferson Gallery

57th Street Gallery

Art Is Everywhere

Bellevue Club

Café Van Kleef

The Compound Gallery

Green Hive Jewelry Boutique and Art Gallery

Portfolio Gallery

Gamma Space

The Layover

Oakland First Fridays Street Festival

Oaklandish

The Legionnaire Saloon

Stephanie's Gallery

Telegraph Beer Garden

Temescal Art Center

White Box Gallery at Oakland School of the Arts

OAKLAND ART MURMUR

Aggregate Space Gallery

American Steel Studios

Classic Cars West

Creative Growth Art Center

Field Day And Friends

The Great Wall of Oakland

Johansson Projects

Krowswork

Mercury 20

Rock Paper Scissors Collective

SLATE contemporary

Transmission Gallery

Uptown Art Park

The Well Gallery

Warehouse 416

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San Francisco Zine Fest





PICKS

In Plain Sight: Stories You Never Knew You Never Knew





New Tragedy, Old Story

Shotgun Players' Eurydice is a classy twist on the classic Orpheus myth

By Gillian Edevane



When the River Runs Backwards

In her new book, *That Winter the Wolf Came*, local poet Juliana Spahr chronicles the East Bay's political counter current.



Event Details



Launch Party and Open Mic



Serious Peruvian

Bountiful, eye-catching dishes make everyday meals at El Mono feel like a special occasion

By Luke Tsai

El Mono

Sample Menu


5% Domestic
95% Foreign
100% Fun
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BARLAGO


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Getting Your Cal Game Day On

Here are six unique Berkeley establishments to check out during the 2015 college football season.

By Daniel Smith

Eureka

Bobby G's Pizzeria

Kip's Bar (Upstairs)

Remy's Mexican Restaurant



the first quarter of the game to end. But where else can you go wrong. [illegible]

Go Here If: You want a [illegible] atmosphere to watch football. [illegible]

Pappy's Grill & Sports Bar

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Atmosphere: [illegible]

Coverage: [illegible]

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Freehouse

[illegible] Bancroft Way, [illegible], BerkeleyFreehouse.com

Atmosphere: [illegible]

Coverage: [illegible]

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Go Here If: [illegible]







South American and Central American Restaurants

Brazil Cafe

Cafe Talavera

Cafe Valparaiso

Cholita Linda

Los Cocos

Fonda Restaurant and Bar

La Furia Chalaca

Galeto Brazilian Grill

Platano

Plaza Garibaldi

Overland Country Bar & Restaurant

King Tsin

Kau Kau Corner

Rio California Cafe

Taqueria La Bamba

Pupuseria Lupita

Rumbo al Sur

Brazilian Day Festival



Enlightenment vs. Disillusionment



Steve Jobs: The Man in the Machine

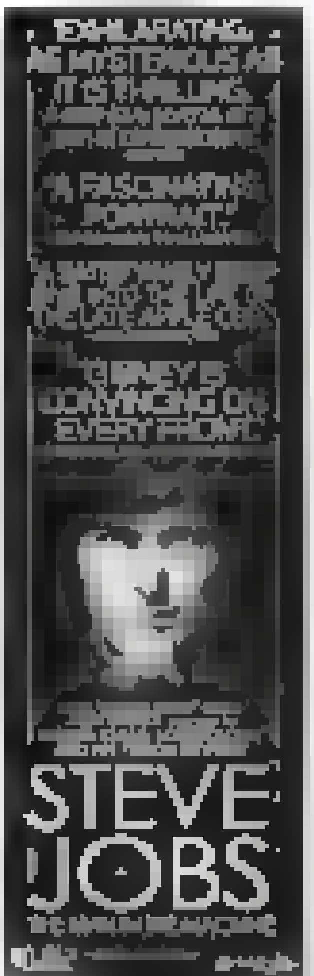
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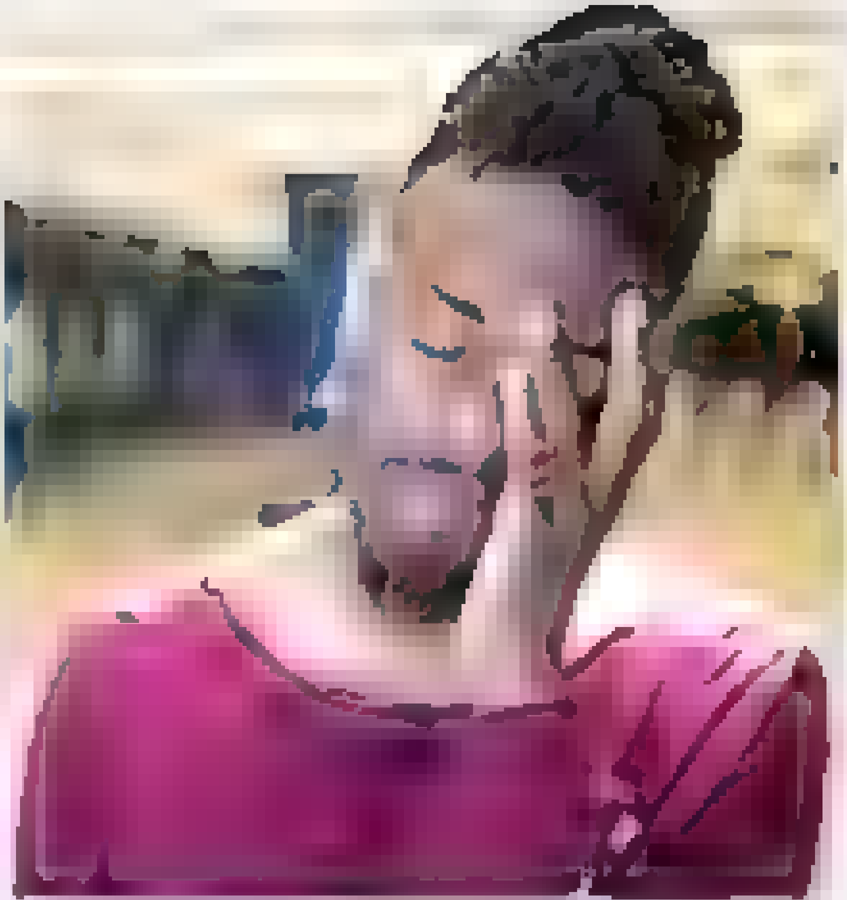
MOVIE THEATER DIRECTORY



ONE-NIGHT STANDS

Nowhere & Now Here

Bay Area rapper Duckwrth couples personal narratives with urgent sociopolitical commentary on Nowhere, his new album with New York producer the KickDrums.











Beyond Beats

THURSDAY 3

Blues, Folk, & Country

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

Blues, Folk, & Country

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

FRIDAY 4

Blues, Folk, & Country

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

Blues, Folk, & Country

Experimental & Avant Garde

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

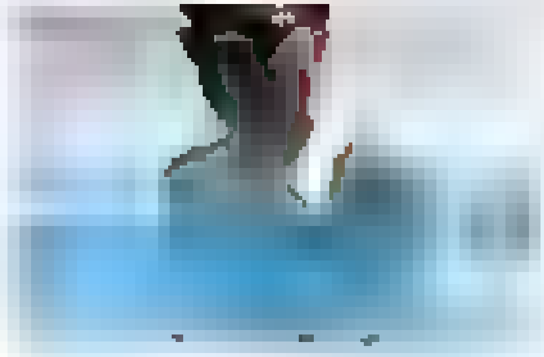
Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

SATURDAY 5

Blues, Folk, & Country


OAKLAND FADERS
STARSHIP CONNECTION
SOUL BROTHERS







Gospel & Vocal

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

Blues, Folk, & Country

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

SUNDAY 6

Blues, Folk, & Country

Experimental & Avant-Garde

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

Blues, Folk, & Country

Gospel & Vocal

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

MONDAY 7

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Blues, Folk, & Country

Jazz, Lounge & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

TUESDAY 8

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Rock & Pop

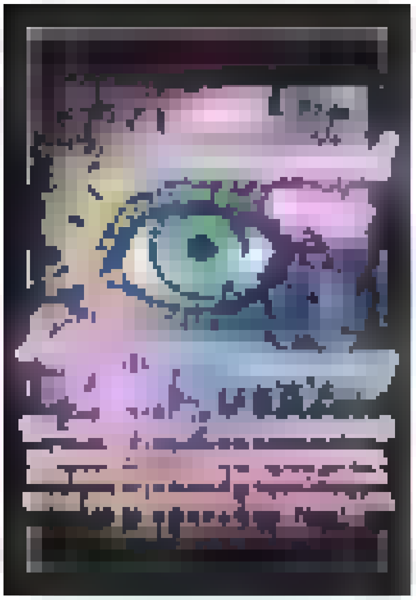
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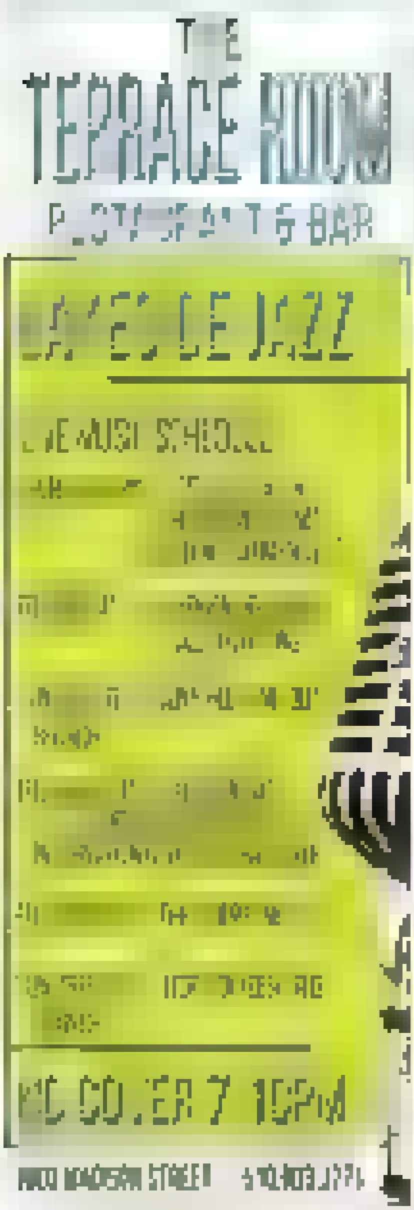
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Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

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THURSDAY 3

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FRIDAY 4

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The Asexual Dom

Why munches and mentors are essential.

By Dan Savage

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